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AND ALSO THE RELATED FAMILIES OF

CLARK, COMSTOCK, BAXTER, CHAFFEE, BROWN AND MASON

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PREFACE

THIS brief pamphlet sets forth as concisely as possible the information I possess relating to the direct lines of the families mentioned, together with proof of the military service of my ancestors, as far as known, my object being to send a copy to everyone interested in the hope that I would be able to gain further information to be used in a genealogy now in preparation. Every statement herein, except one or two followed by an interrogation, can, I think, be proved by records, tradition being entirely discarded.

Everyone receiving a copy of this pamphlet is urgently requested to advise me at once if any mistake is discovered, or if they can, to supply any further information. *I particularly desire information as to my earlier ancestors.*

I hardly dare hope that the Baker family can be traced beyond John I, for the reason that even at the early date of the "Narrow Gansett Warr" there were a dozen or more John Bakers in the Province of Massachusetts Bay. However, the slightest hint regarding this ancestor will be appreciated.

I desire here to acknowledge the valuable services of the Reverend Frederick W. Bailey, manager of the Bureau of American Ancestry, New Haven, Conn., by whose careful search were discovered many valuable genealogical records of the Baker family, and to whose absolute trustworthiness it is a pleasure to testify.

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OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

BAKER FAMILY

BAKER.

JOHN I. Soldier in King Phillip's war. See military records, p. 10. Lived at Swanzey, Mass.

Issue.

Unknown, with the exception of John II.

JOHN II. Married Susanna Wood, daughter of George and Rebecca, at Swanzey, 1714; d. 1767.

Issue.

William, b. 1715; Susanna, b. 1717, m. Israel Cornell; John, b. 1720; Hannah, b. 1722; Nathaniel, b. 1725; Bathsheba, b. 1728-9, m. — Slater; Penelope, b. 1726, m. Joseph Cornell; Benjamin, b. 1736; Rebecca, b. 1740, m. Ebenezer Talbut.

JOHN III. Married Hannah Mason.

Issue.

Sarah, m. Nathan Lee; Penelope, m. — Simmons; John, m. Abigail Lee; Reuben, I; Nathan, d. without issue; Isaac.

REUBEN I. Born Rehoboth, 1759, d. 1811; m. Lydia Mason at Swanzey, Mass., 1782. Soldier in the Revolution. See military records, p. 10.

Issue.

Nathan, b. 1783, d. 1813 without issue, m. Patience Bacon. Was in war 1812. See military records, p. . Reuben II, b. 1784; Isaac, b. 1786, d. 1799, unmarried; Lydia, b. 1787, d. 1828, m. Benj. Wood; Laurany, b. 1783, d. 1837, unmarried; Zephaniah, b. 1791, d. 1834, m. Rebecca Lamb; Nestor, b. 1793, d. 1856, m. Ann Spaulding; Hannah, b. 1795, d. 1846,

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m. John Straight; Alice Baker, b. 1798, d. 1857, m. Linus L. Reynolds; Nelson, b. 1800, d. 1838, unmarried; Morrell, b. 1802, d. 1857, m. Lydia Ann —; Gardner Mafon, b. 1804, d. 1889, m. Emmaline Holbrook; Lucina, b. 1806, d. 1838, m. John Carlisle; Louvina, b. 1808, d. 1848, unmarried; Paulina, b. 1808, d. 1832, m. Ira Mafon; Sally, b. 1810, d. 1870, m. Everett Clark.

REUBEN II. Born Ira, Vt., 1784, d. Burlington, Ia., 1865; m., Fort Ann, N. Y., Lois Comfort Baxter.

Issue.

Geralda, b. 1811, d. —, m. Ira E. Irish; Isaac V., I. Albert, b. 1815, d. 1873, m. Sarah Ann Miller; Thomas Spencer, b. 1817, d. 1871, m. Harriet Corlier; Floyd P., b. 1820, m. Eliza Wilson (1844), m. Orinda Searle (1850); Harvey C., b. 1825, d. 1874, m. Amanda Rounds; Celestia, b. 1826, m. George Millard; Clifford A., b. 1830, m. Mary Louisa Wheeler; Guilford D., b. 1832, m. Orra Graves; infant daughter, b. 1836, d. 1837.

ISAAC VOLNEY, I. Born Comstock, N. Y., 1813, d. Comstock 1894; m. Laura Daley Comstock, 1836.

Issue.

Isaac Volney, II, b. 1843, Lucy Comstock, b. 1840, m. Geo. Bradley Culver, 1869. Issue, Laura Baker, b. 1872. Charles Allen, b. 1847, d. 1848. Charles Kellogg, b. 1849, m. Marion Davis, 1875. Issue, Davis, 1884.

ISAAC VOLNEY, II. Married Laura Demis Clark, Comstock, N. Y., 1865.

Issue.

George Comstock, b. 1868, m. Mary Louise Van Wormer, Albany, N. Y., 1895; Laurance Clark, b. 1872.

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CLARK.

ROSWELL. Born Lyme, Ct., 1744, d. White-
stone, N. Y., 1820, m. Mrs. Parnell
Peck, b. 1754, d. 1813.

Issue.

Peter Peck, b. 1772, d. —; Ros-
well, b. 1774, d. —; William S., b.
1776, d. —; Mary (Polly), b. 1780,
d. —, m. Dr. Levi Hathaway; Lu-
cena, b. 1782, d. —, m. — Peck;
Parnell, b. 1786, d. 1808, m. — Sill;
Harriet, b. 1793, d. 1852, m. Nicholas
King; Clarissa, b. 1800, d. —, m.
John Curtis; Elizabeth, b. —, d.
—, m. Sidney Clark; Anna, b. —,
d. —, m. Caleb Mann.

WILLIAM SHELDON. Born 1776, d. —, m.
Clarissa Clark.

Issue.

William Sheldon, Jr., b. 1805, d.
1868, m. Maria Green; John Suydam;
Roswell; Clarissa, b. —, d. 1855 (?),
m. John Lyon; Clarinda, b. —,
d. —, m. — Remington; Andrew,
b. 1820.

ANDREW. Born 1820, m. Thankful Desde-
mona Brown.

Issue.

Laura Demis, b. 1844; Charles Ed-
win, b. 1848, m. Susan Florence Sprague;
William Andrew, b. 1843, m. Mary
Celia Putnam; Mary Frances, b. 1849,
m. Albert L. Ransom; Lillie Thomp-
son, b. 1853.

LAURA DEMIS. b. Comstock, 1844, m. Isaac
Volney (II) Baker.

CLARK.

(Ancestry of Clarissa Clark, who
married William S. Clark.)

DANIEL. b. —, d. —, m. —. Soldier
in the Revolution. See military rec-
ords, p. 10. Lived at Middletown
and Rutland, Conn.

CLARISSA. B. —, d. —, m. Wm. S. Clark.

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BROWN.

ISRAEL.

WILLIAM. b. —, d. —, m. Marianne Baxter.

THANKFUL DESDEMONA. b. 1821, m. Andrew Clark.

COMSTOCK.

SAMUEL. Born Providence, R. I., about 1749, d. 1805; m. Sarah Crippen, b. 1748, d. 1832.

Issue.

Samuel, m., lived in Bloomfield, N. Y.; Abner, m. Sarah Ticner, lived in Brokenstraw; David, m. Polly Sweete, lived in Palmyra, N. Y.; Polly, m. Robert Snyder, lived in Brighton, N. Y.; Sally, m. Chester Hull, lived in Brokenstraw; Betsey, m. David Green, lived in Fort Ann, Roswell, m. Phebe Williams, lived in Black River, N. Y.; Carlton; John, lived in Black River, N. Y.; Louisa, m. Isaac Snyder, lived in Salt Lake City, Utah; Annis, m. Samuel Weller, lived in Brighton, N. Y.; Peter.

PETER. born Great Barrington, Mass., 1796, d. 1874, m. Lucy Jackson, 1817, b. 1791, d. 1836. Was in war of 1812. See military records, p. 10.

Issue.

Laura Daley; Demmis Dewey, b. 1821, m. Charles White Kellogg, 1840; Allen, b. 1824, d. 1880; Cyrus Cady, b. 1826, d. 1844, unmarried; Evaline Augusta, b. 1829, m. George Clinton White, 1852.

Married, 1838, Eliza Brewster, b. 1811, d. 1876.

Issue.

Mary E., b. 1841, unmarried; Peter (J. B.), b. 1843, unmarried; Catherine Brewster, b. 1850, unmarried.

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LAURA DALEY, b. 1819, d. 1877, m. Isaac Volney (I) Baker.

BAXTER.

REV. FRANCIS (?).

MOSES. Born Infield, Conn., 1753, d. —, m. Comfort Chaffee. Soldier in the Revolution. See military records, p. 10.

Issue.

Celia, b. 1776, d. 1864 (?), m. — Littlefield; Moses, b. 1778, d. 1814, m. Ruth —; Miriam, b. 1779, d. —, m. — Littlefield; John Wilson Chaffee, b. 1781, d. —, m. —; Levi D., b. 1784, d. 1823, m. Polly Miller; Marianne, b. 1789, d. —, m. W. C. Brown; Lois Comfort, b. 1791.

LOIS COMFORT m. Reuben (II) Baker.

MASON.

JESSE. Married Lois —.

LYDIA. b. Swanzey, Mass., 1765, d. Fort Ann 1812, m. Reuben (I) Baker.

CHAFFEE.

EPHRAIM. Born Woodstock, Conn., 1673 (?), d. —, m. Annie Torrey. In the Revolution. See Military Records, p. 10.

COMFORT. Born Woodstock, Conn., 1755, d. —, m. Moses Baxter.

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MILITARY RECORDS.

JOHN BAKER, I. King Philip's war.

PROOF.

See Bodge's History of King Philip's War,
p. 21.

Deed, John Baker, II, to William Baker,
containing proof of such service.

To all people to whom these presents shall come: I, John Baker Sen^r, of ye town of Rehoboth in ye County of Bristol in ye province of ye Massachusetts Bay in New England, Yeoman, Sendeth Greeting. Know ye that I ye said John Baker for & in consideration of ye fatherly love and natural affection which I have and do bare towards my eldest son William Baker of ye same Town, County and province affores^d, Husbandman, and whereas I ye s^d John Baker Sen^r hath one equal right or shear of Land which fell to me in the Town Ship number four Laid out in ye County of Hamshire in ye province affores^d, and given and act of ye General Court affores^d, to said soldiers for there good service done for ye province affores^d, in ye narrow Gansett warr in ye year anno Domini (1775*) by my father John Baker Deceased being Then Then one of ye soldiers in that warr, I, John Baker Sen. being his eldest son and only surviving male heir, the affores^d Right of Land fell to me, Have by these presents Given, Granted, Conveyed and Confirmed and do freely clearly & absolutely Give, Grant, Convey & Confirm unto my son William Baker affores^d, his heirs, exc^{ts}, adm^r, and assigns forever, all and every of my undivided Right of Land yet to be Laid out in any Part of ye Township affores^d, Number four, be ye same more or Less. To Have and to Hold all ye fores^d undivided Right of Land before it is Divided and Laid out in to Lotments and when it is Divided and Laid out into Lotments with all ye appurtenances priviledges & Commodities to ye same belonging or in any wise appertaining to him ye s^d William Baker my son his heirs ex^{ts} adm^r and assigns forever to his and there only proper use benefitt and Behoof as a good sure perfect estate forever from me ye affores^d John Baker Sen^r my heirs, ex^{ts} adm^r forever. In Witnes Whereof I ye s^d John Baker Sen^r have here unto set my hand and seal this 31th Day of October in ye 19th year of his majesties Reign King George ye second and in ye year Annoque Domin 1745.

JOHN BAKER L.S.

* So in original.

BAKER FAMILY

Signed, Sealed & Delivered
in presence of us

BENJAMIN HERRENGTON
ISRAEL NICHOLS

Province of ye Massachusetts Bay, Bristol ss. Rehoboth January 25th, 1758. Then John Baker ye subscriber to ye above written Instrument acknowledged ye same to be his own free act and Deed Before me

ARON KINGSLEY

(endorsed)

Justice of peace

A True Copy from Book 48, Page 338, Bristol Co., No. Dist. Land Records.

Attest: J. E. WILBAR, *Register*.

REUBEN BAKER. Revolution.

PROOF.

Certificate from Secretary of the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

COPY.

MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR MUSTER ROLLS, VOL. 19; P. 222.

A Pay Roll of Captain Noah Hinmans Comp'y in Col Asa Barns Regt of Militia march from Lanesboro County of Berkshire on Oct. 14th 1781 and continued in the service ten days * * * * REUBEN BAKER 7 days, 60 miles travel. * * *

I certify the foregoing to be a true extract
from the Revolutionary War Archives in the
custody of this office.

L. S.

Witness the seal of the Commonwealth.

WM. M. OLIN,

Secretary.

NATHAN BAKER. War of 1812

There is no doubt of this service,
but positive proof is lacking.*

PETER COMSTOCK. War of 1812.

There is no doubt of this service,
but positive proof is lacking.*

EPHRAHIM CHAFFEE. Revolution.

Tradition states that he was a private
teamster and was killed at the time of
the massacre of Jenny McCrea.

*The New York records of the war of 1812 are all in Washington, and are not as yet indexed; I am informed that they will not be available before September.

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DANIEL CLARK. Revolution.

PROOF.

Records of Record and Pension
Office, War Department.

"Captain in Col. Latimer's Regiment, Conn. Militia,
detached in Aug. 1777, for service in Northern Department. Reported on pay roll dated Voloertown June 18,
1778, 'Capt. discharged or died Sept. 21st.'"

MOSES BAXTER. Revolution.

PROOF.

Certificate of Secretary of the Com-
monwealth of Mass.

COPY

MOSES BAXTER.

Appears as Private on Lexington Alarm roll of Capt.
Thos. Eustis' Co. which marched on the alarm of April
19th 1775 from Rutland to Cambridge. Service 12⁷/₈ days,
residence Rutland.—Vol. 12, p. 83.

Appears as Private on Muster & Pay Roll of Capt.
David Bents Co., Col. Jacob Cushing's Regt. Enlisted
Sept 5, 1777, discharged Nov. 29, 1777, service 3 mos.
5 days at the Northward.—Vol. 17, p. 180.

